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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED MAY 7, 1977
SENT SEOUL, WHITE HOUSE IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, KS, US

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ROKG ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL

REF: (A) SEOUL 3720; (B) SEOUL 3721

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO BLUE HOUSE OUR APPRECIATION FOR
ITS QUICK POSITIVE RESPONSE TO PROPOSED VISIT.

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2. WITH REGARD TO BROWN/HABIB SCHEDULE, FOLLOWING ARE
OUR PRESENT THOUGHTS:

A. ARRIVAL: AT THIS POINT PARTY INTENDS TO ARRIVE
SEOUL TUESDAY, MAY 24 AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS LOCAL
TIME DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON. IN VIEW LONG FLIGHT
TIME, NO FORMAL PROGRAM OR CALLS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED
FOR THAT DAY. PARTY WILL WISH TO REST AND HAVE IN-
FORMAL DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR AND CINCUNC. IN
THAT CONTEXT, IF AMBASSADOR WISHES, WOULD BE DELIGHTED
TO PARTICIPATE IN "INHOUSE" INFORMAL DINNER THAT

EVENING.

B. MEETINGS WITH THE ROKG: GENERAL BROWN AND MR HABIB
WOULD APPRECIATE CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK MID-MORNING

OF MAY 25, FOLLOWED BY SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS MAY 25-26
WITH SENIOR ROKG OFFICIALS AS PRESIDENT PARK WISHES.
AT SAME TIME WE WOULD WISH TO KEEP PURELY COURTESY
CALLS TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

AFTER ROUND OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG OFFICERS
GENERAL BROWN AND MR. HABIB WOULD HOPE FOR FINAL MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT PARK. DEPENDING ON PRESIDENT PARK'S
WISHES, THIS COULD BE LATE AFTERNOON MAY 26 OR
MORNING OF MAY 27 BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR JAPAN.

C. PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASPECTS: SUBJECT TO ANY EMBASSY
COMMENTS, WE WOULD ENVISION BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT
AT AIRPORT AS WELL AS HABIB TAKING ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS.
AT END OF VISIT WE WOULD NOT ENVISION ANY DETAILED
JOINT COMMUNIQUE SINCE PURPOSE OF VISIT IS CONSULTA-
TIONS NOT DECISIONS. AT SAME TIME, WOULD SEE UTILITY
IN VERY GENERAL BRIEF UPBEAT JOINT STATEMENT AT END OF
VISIT AS WELL AS 20-30 MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIR-
PORT BEFORE DEPARTURE. IN BOTH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
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STATEMENTS, WE WOULD USE OCCASION TO REITERATE BASIC
SECURITY COMMITMENT AND PUBLICLY STRESS OUR INTENTION
TO ASSURE THAT ROKG SECURITY NOT ENDANGERED BY
U.S. GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL.

D. SOCIAL EVENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SERIOUS BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH WE INTEND TO TAKE,
WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY EFFORTS TO AVOID HEAVY SOCIAL
ENGAGEMENTS.

E. OFFICIAL PARTY: PARTY WILL BE SMALL. IN ADDITION
TO PRINCIPALS, ONLY MESSRS. GLEYSTEN, O'DONOHUE AND
COLONEL RENSHAW WILL PARTICIPATE IN LARGE MEETINGS.
GENERAL BROWN AND MR. HABIB ALSO HOPE TO HAVE VERY
PRIVATE TIME WITH PRESIDENT PARK DURING FIRST TWO
CALLS WITH ONLY AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL VESSEY IN
ATTENDANCE.

3. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION IT MAY BEGIN TO DISCUSS
WITH BLUE HOUSE DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR PARTY ALONG LINES
ABOVE. PROPOSED SCHEDULE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED HERE FOR
APPROVAL.

4. WILL COMMUNICATE SEPARATELY WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT.

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